

A line-by-line comparison of independent claims 29 and 38 will show that claim 29, although having a different preamble than claim 38, is essentially a generic claim when compared to claim 38. More specifically, claim 38 has all of the method steps of claim 29, with the addition of an extra step "electronically transferring the digital image and the instructions from the provider to a remote editor" and an identification that the image is modified at the editors site. Thus, although the claims are not identical, any search for the subject matter of claim 38 would necessarily include a search for the subject matter of claim 29. In addition, the associated dependent claims are essentially the same. More specifically, claims 30, 31, 32, 33, , 35, 36 and 37 are virtually identical to claims 39, 40, 41, 42, 44, 45 and 50 respectively. Claim 34 contains the first portion of claim 43 with claim 43 including some additional narrower language. Thus, an examination of claims 49 to 50 will necessarily include a search of the subject matter of claims 30 to 38.

For the above set of reasons, it is believed that the Group III claims should be considered with the Group I claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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